

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** Hiroyuki Yonekawa, et al.

**Examiner:** David A. Redding

**Serial No:** 10/768,332

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**For:** GENE EXAMINING APPARATUS  
AND METHOD OF DETECTING  
TARGET NUCLEIC ACID USING  
THE SAME

**Dated:** July 20, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

Sir:


In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2006, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendment for entry in the above-identified case.

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